



Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Public Education is delivered thru public schools. Schools serve as communities of learning offering literacy to students. Literacy empowers each individual to have a voice, assume community responsibility and lead satisfying, productive lives. This mission is critical to every aspect of Fairfax County. Public safety and mental illness influence the public schools ability to deliver education.

Tragically, on December 14, 2012, a 20 year old man fatally shot twenty children and six adult staff members and wounded two at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the town of Newtown, Connecticut. This action directly affects us in Fairfax.

In my most recent newsletter, I asked,

".... How do we channel our collective grief and outrage into life affirming action? I am numbed by the profound sadness and total predictability of this event."

Like elected officials at every level, all over our nation, I have received pleas regarding people with guns.

The 2009 Beeman Commission reported that mental health and substance abuse services, with particular emphasis on prevention, early intervention and treatment, must be available to all our residents. Such services maintain stable and dynamic lives, and avert destructive, possibly life-threatening, behavior. The county will support those who cannot afford assistance.

If we accept that mental illness influences the public schools' ability to deliver education and learning, it is important to support the Beeman Commission recommendations by funding them.

Guns and unstable people with guns are our problem.

The Board of Supervisors does not have ultimate authority over what happens with guns in Fairfax County. Where we can address modifications to increase our safety, I hope we do so. As well, I hope that this Board works with and supports those officials who have the power to make substantive changes.

Finally, I call upon the Board of Supervisors to exhort the General Assembly to think about solutions that have helped make Fairfax County one of the most desirable places in the nation to live. It is the presence of social workers, not armed school staff, that send the message of commitment that our educational institutions are places in which students and faculty are secure and all can pursue their education in a safe, learning environment.

1-8-2013 Board Action Highlights

Below are excerpts from the **January 8, 2013 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's [Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#) section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 1: Streets accepted into the State Secondary System - Woodland Park, Apartments II – Sunrise Valley Drive (Route 5320)

Admin 4: Authorization to schedule a public hearing to consider changes to the County Code governing **removal immobilization and disposition of vehicles towed in Fairfax County**. Changes in the state code now allow localities to issue permits to towing companies from outside of their jurisdiction.

ACTION ITEMS

Action 1: Creation of a Tysons Transportation Service District Advisory Board. The Board approved the creation of a Tysons Transportation Service District and Advisory Board. The advisory board will consist of 17 members to work with County staff and provide input on the annual tax rate for the Tysons Transportation Service District, transportation priorities for projects funded all or in part by the Service District, and issues related to the Tysons road funds. Two members of the committee will represent the Hunter Mill District in addition to another member representing the Town of Vienna.

Action 2: Establishes two transportation funds, the **“Tysons-Wide”** and **“Grid of Streets”** funds, to manage the financial planning for transportation investments in Tysons.

BOARD MATTERS introduced by Supervisor Hudgins

Dulles Toll Road Tolls: The Board approved my motion to request Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (MWAA) to explore the legislative authority to collect an airport tax or passenger facility charge to be used towards toll relief of the Dulles Toll Road users.

An Act of Bravery: The Board will invite employees of the Reston Target and residents who assisted with reviving a little boy who became stricken while shopping with his mother at Target.

Schools as Communities of Learning: My motion asked the Board of Supervisors to make an effort to fund all the Beeman Commission recommendation, and urged the General Assembly to consider solutions that stress our commitment to our educational institutions as places in which students and faculty are secure and all can pursue their education in a safe, learning environment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

Decision on the Proposed Creation of a Tysons Transportation Service District. The Board approved the establishment of the Tysons Transportation Service District. The Board will set the service district tax rate when they approve the budget in April and the first district taxes will be collected in January 2014.

The Board approved the Planned Residential Community Plan associated with **Reston Spectrum**, to permit mixed used development.

The Board approved the Fairfax County Public School plans to renovate **Terraset Elementary School**.

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